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THE CHARTER OF Queen ANNE, TO THE CITY of *BRISTOL.*

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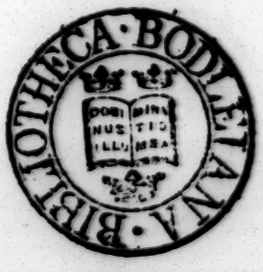

The *CHARTER* OF Queen *ANNE*, &c.

ANNE, by the Grace of GOD, Queen of *Great Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, *Defender of the Faith*, &c. To all to whom theſe our preſent Letters ſhall come, Health, *&c.* WHEREAS Our well beloved and faithful Subjects, the *Mayor*, *Burgeſſes*, and *Commonalty*, of our City of *Briſtol*, have by their humble Petition ſupplicated us to Grant to them and their Succeſſors, ALL and Singular Powers, Juriſdictions and Franchiſes, which they the *Mayor*, *Burgeſſes*, and *Commonalty* of the City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, by virtue of Grants or Letters Patents to them before this Time granted, by our Royal Anceſtors, at this Time enjoy; together with ſuch Additions, Regulations and Privileges, which to us in our great Wiſdom ſhould

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ſeem meet, and convenient to grant to them, for the eſtabliſhment and good Government of our ſaid City, NOW KNOW YE, That we, the Melioration of our City of *Briſtol*, and the Commonalty of the ſame, gratiouſly affecting, and willing that in the ſame City and County of the ſame, There may continually be had, one certain and undoubted Method for the keeping the Peace and better ruling and governing of our People there: And that the City aforeſaid may for ever be and remain, a City of Peace and Quiet, for Reward of the good and Terror of evil Doers: And hoping that if the Citizens of the ſaid City and their Suceeſſors, by our Grant ſhall enjoy more ample Liberties, Profits, and Privileges, they will think themſelves obliged more ſtrenuouſly and diligently to employ and exert themſelves, in the Service of us our Heirs and Succeſſors: Of OUR SPECIAL Grace, certain, Knowledge, and meer Motion, as alſo to gratify our ſaid well beloved and faithful Subjects, the *Mayor*, *Burgeſſes*, and *Commonalty*, of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, by granting their Petition aforeſaid: WE HAVE willed conſtituted, declared, ordained, and granted, And by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, Do will, conſtitute, declare, ordain, and grant, That the aforeſaid City of *Briſtol*, be, and remain for ever, a City Incorporate, and County of its ſelf, with ſuch and ſo ample and large Boundaries, Circuits and Precincts, as well by Water as by Land, as the ſaid City and County of the ſame, hath at any Time for the Space of Forty Years laſt paſt, been Terminated, Limited, or Bounded: AND ALSO that the aforeſaid *Mayor*, *Burgeſſes*. and *Commonalty* of the ſaid City of *Briſtol*, and their Succeſſors, be, ſhall be, and for ever remain, a Body Corporate, and Politick, in Deed, Fact and Name, by the Name of the *Mayor*, *Burgeſſes*, and *Commonalty*, of the City of *Briſtol*. AND WE HAVE

The Antient Boundarys of the City, as well by Land as by Water, confirmed.

The Corporate Stile of the City.

HAVE Aſſigned, Nominated, Conſtituted, and CONFIRMED, And by theſe preſents, we do for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, Aſſign, Nominate, Conſtitute and CONFIRM, our well Beloved *Robert Bound* Eſq; now *Mayor* of the ſaid City, to be the preſent *Mayor* of the ſaid City of *Briſtol*; willing that the ſaid *Robert Bound*, ſhall be and continue in the Office of *Mayor* of the ſaid City until and to the Fifteenth Day of *September* next coming, and from thenceforth, until one other into the ſaid Office of *Mayor* ſhall be Elected, Preferred, and Sworn, If the ſaid *Robert Bound* ſhall ſo long behave himſelf well in the ſaid Office. *The Mayor confirmed.*

WE HAVE ALSO Aſſigned, Nominated, Conſtituted, and CONFIRMED, and by theſe preſents we do for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, Aſſign, Nominate, Conſtitute, and CONFIRM, our Truſty and well Beloved *Robert Eyre* Knight, one of our Juſtices, Aſſigned to hold Pleas before us, the preſent *Recorder* of the ſaid City, To be and remain *Recorder* of the City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, as long he ſhall behave himſelf well in the ſaid Office. *The Recorder confirmed.*

And to be the firſt Alderman.

WE HAVE ALSO Aſſigned, Nominated, Conſtituted and CONFIRMED, and by theſe preſents, We for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do Aſſign, Nominate, Conſtitute and CONFIRM, the before named *Robert Eyre*, the preſent firſt *Alderman* of the City of *Briſtol*, aforeſaid, to be and remain, and every other *Recorder* of the ſaid City hereafter, to be and remain, the firſt *Alderman* of the City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, as long as he ſhall remain *Recorder* of the ſaid City; And alſo our well Beloved *William Jackſon*, *William Swymmer*, *Robert Tate*, *Samuel Wallis*, *John Batchelor*, Eſqrs. *William Daines*, *John Hawkins*, *William Lewis*, Knights, *Francis Whitchurch* and *Nathaniel Day*, Eſqrs. the preſent *Aldermen* of the City aforeſaid, and alſo *George Stephens*, Eſq; lately elected to be an *Alderman* of the City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, to be and remain *Aldermen* of the City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, And *The Court of Aldermen confirmed.*

to be continued in the ſaid Office, as long as they ſhall reſpectively behave themſelves well in the ſame.

The Common Council to conſiſt of Forty Two beſides the Mayor.

WE WILL MOREOVER, And by theſe preſents We do for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, Grant, to the *Mayor*, *Burgeſſes*, and *Commonalty* of our City of *Briſtol*, and their Succeſſors, that for ever hereafter, there may and ſhall be of the better and more diſcreet Citizens and Burgeſſes of the City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, Forty and Two Perſons beſides the *Mayor* of the ſaid City for the Time being, who ſhall be, and ſhall be called, the *Common Council* of the City of *Briſtol*.

The Common Council confirmed.

AND for the better execution of this our Will and Grant, in this behalf, we have Aſſigned, Nominated, Conſtituted, and CONFIRMED, And by theſe preſents we do for us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, Aſſign, Nominate, Conſtitute and CONFIRM, the ſaid *Robert Bound* now *Mayor* of the ſaid City of *Briſtol*, and alſo the beforenamed *Robert Eyre* Knight, *William Jackſon*, *William Swymmer*, *Robert Tate*, *Samuel Wallis*, *John Batchelor*, *William Daines*, *John Hawkins*, *William Lewis*, *Francis Whitchurch*, *Nathaniel Day*, and *George Stephens*, Aldermen of the ſaid City, and our well beloved *William Whitehead*,, Eſq; late Mayor, of the ſaid City of *Briſtol*, *James Haines*, and *Thomas Clement*, Eſqrs. preſent Sheriffs of the City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, and our well beloved *Gyles Merrick*, *Richard Bayly*, *Abraham Elton*, *Chriſtopher Shuter*, *Thomas Hort*, *Henry Whitehead*, *Anthony Swymmer*, *Henry Walter*, *Morgan Smith*, *Abraham Hooke*, *Nicholas Hickes*, *Oneſiphorus Tyndall*, *Thomas Tyler*, *Philip Freke*, *John Day*, late Sheriffs of the County of the City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, and alſo *William Bayly*, *Hugh Bickham*, *John Lloyd*, and *Edmond Mountjoy*, Citizens and Burgeſſes, and the PRESENT COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL aforeſaid, To be and REMAIN Common Council Men of the City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, and the Common Council of the ſaid City, to continue in the ſaid Office of Common Council Men

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of the City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, as long as they ſhall reſpectively behave themſelves well in the ſaid Office. AND FURTHER, We have Aſſigned, Nominated, Conſtituted, and CONFIRMED, and by theſe preſents, We do for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, Aſſign, Nominate, Conſtitute, and CONFIRM, our well beloved *James Haines*, and *Thomas Clement*, Eſqrs. now Sheriffs of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid and County of the ſame City, to be and *remain* Sheriffs of the City of *Briſtol* and County of the ſame City, to continue in the ſaid Office until, and to the Fifteenth Day of *September* next coming after the Date of theſe preſents, and from thence until Two others of *the Common Council of the ſaid City for the Time being*, into the Office of Sheriffs of the County of the City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, ſhall be elected and Sworn: If the ſaid *James Haines*, and *Thomas Clement*, ſhall reſpectively in the ſaid Office of Sheriffs ſo long behave themſelves well. WE HAVE ALSO Aſſigned, Nominated, Conſtituted and CONFIRMED, And by theſe preſents, We do for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, Aſſign, Nominate, Conſtitute and CONFIRM, our well beloved *John Romſey*, Eſq; Common Clerk of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, to be and remain Common Clerk of the City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, and to continue in the ſaid Office ſo long as he ſhall behave himſelf well in the ſame. AND WE HAVE alſo, Aſſigned, Nominated, Conſtituted and CONFIRMED, And by theſe preſents, we do for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, Aſſign, Nominate, Conſtitute and CONFIRM, our well beloved *Nathaniel Wade*, Eſq; the preſent Steward of the Sheriffs Court of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, to be and *remain* Steward of the Sheriffs Court of the County of the City aforeſaid, and to continue in that Office ſo long as he ſhall behave himſelf well in the ſame. WE HAVE ALSO Aſſigned, Nominated, Conſtituted and CONFIRMED, and by theſe preſents, we do for us,

The Sheriffs confirmed.

The Town Clerk and Steward of the Sheriffs Court confirmed.

The then Coroners confirmed.

ns, our Heirs and Succeſſors, Aſſign, Nominate, Conſtitute and CONFIRM, our beloved *Martin Nelme*, and *James Millard*, Gent. the preſent Coroners of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, to be and remain Coroners of the City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, and to continue in that Office, ſo long as they ſhall reſpectively behave themſelves well in the ſame. AND WHEREAS, *by the Death of ſome of the Common Council of the City aforeſaid, And by Reaſon of the contemptuous Refuſal of ſome of the Burgeſſes of the City aforeſaid, to be of the Common Council of the City aforeſaid,* TO WHICH OFFICE THEY RESPECTIVELY WERE DULY ELECTED, *Seven Perſons are now wanting to compleat* the ſaid number of Forty Two of the Common Council of the City aforeſaid, beſides the Mayor of the ſaid City KNOW YE THEREFORE, That we will, and by theſe preſents do for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, command and ordain, That the Mayor of the City of *Briſtol* for the Time being, and the Perſons before named and conſtituted Common Council Men of the City aforeſaid, or the major part of them, at ſome Time or Times, by the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, before the Fifteenth Day of *September* next enſuing, for that purpoſe to be appointed, aſſemble and congregate themſelves, and that they being ſo aſſembled, by their Suffrages ſhall chooſe and prefer ſo many of the Burgeſſes of the City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, to be Common Council Men of the ſaid City, as may *ſupply and fill up* the number of Forty Two of the Common Council of the City aforeſaid, beſides the Mayor of the ſame City, AND for the better execution of our Royal pleaſure in this behalf, We further will, And by theſe preſents the ſaid *Mayor Burgeſſes and Commonalty* of the City of *Briſtol firmly enjoyning, We do require and command, that the Perſons before named and conſtituted the Common Council of the City aforeſaid, or the major part of them, do immediately*

Seven Vacancies at that Time in the Common Council.

Common Council, enjoyned to fill up the Vacancies before the Fifteenth of September next enſuing

And to make Ordinances with reaſonable Penalties to compel Perſons elected into the Common Council or to other Offices, to accept and ſerve.

ly *and without delay, make and conſtitute reaſonable Laws and Ordinances in writing*, with ſuch Puniſhments, Fines, Amerciaments, and Penalties, which to them or the major part of them ſhall ſeem expedient, to compel and coerce every Perſon in due manner elected into the Office of a Common Council Man, or into any other Office, by them, the Mayor, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of the City of *Briſtol*, or by the Common Council of the ſaid City, to take upon him, and to execute the Office of a Common Council Man of the City aforeſaid, and every other Office of the City aforeſaid, to which he ſhall be reſpectively elected.

Power of the Common Council to make By Laws for the Government of the City, confirmed.

AND WE FURTHER Will, and by theſe Preſents, for us our Heirs and Succeſſors, do grant and CONFIRM, to the aforeſaid Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty of the City of *Briſtol*, and their Succeſſors, that the Common Council of the ſaid City for the Time being, or the major part of them, have, and ſhall have, full Power and Authority of enacting, conſtituting, ordaining, making and eſtabliſhing, from Time to Time, ſuch reaſonable Laws, Conſtitutions and Ordinances in writing, as to them or the major part of them, for that purpoſe congregated and aſſembled, in their Diſcretion ſhall ſeem good, wholeſome, profitable, neceſſary and honeſt, for the good Rule and Government of the City aforeſaid, Suburbs, Precincts and Liberties of the ſame, and of all and ſingular Officers, Miniſters, Artificers, Inhabitants and Perſons whatſoever reſiding within the ſaid City, Suburbs, Liberties and Precincts of the ſame for the Time being; and for declaring in what manner and order the ſaid Common Council of the City aforeſaid, and all and ſingular Artificers, Inhabitants and Perſons reſiding in the ſaid City, Liberties, Suburbs and Precincts of the ſame in their Offices, Functions, Miſteres, Crafts and Buſineſs, within the ſaid City, Suburbs, Liberties, and Precincts thereof, ſhall demean and behave themſelves for the Welfare

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common Profit and good Government of the ſaid City, Suburbs, Liberties and Precincts of the ſame, and Victualing of the ſame, and all other Matters and Cauſes any ways touching or concerning the City aforeſaid, Liberties and Suburbs of the ſame: And that the Common Council of the City aforeſaid, or the major part of them, as often as they ſhall enact, make, ordain or eſtabliſh ſuch Laws, Conſtitutions and Ordinances in form aforeſaid, ſhall make, ordain, impoſe, limit and provide ſuch Pains, Puniſhments and Penalties, by Fines and Amerciaments, or by any of them, upon all Delinquents and Offenders againſt ſuch Laws, Ordinances and Conſtitutions, or any or either of them, as the ſaid Common Council of the City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, for the Time being, or the major part of them ſhall think neceſſary, fit and requiſite, for the obſervation of ſuch Laws, Ordinances and Conſtitutions; And ſuch Fines and Amerciaments, by diſtreſs of Goods and Chattles, Action of Debt, or by any other lawful Ways or Means, ſhall levy, recover or poſſeſs themſelves of, to the Uſe of the ſaid Mayor, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors for ever, without any Hindrance or Impediment of us, our Heirs or Succeſſors, or of any the Officers or Miniſters of our Heirs or Succeſſors, without any Account thereof to be rendred or made to us, our Heirs or Succeſſors; All which Laws, Ordinances and Conſtitutions, ſo as aforeſaid to be made, We will and require that they be obſerved, under the Penalties in the ſame contained: Provided That ſuch Laws or Ordinances and Conſtitutions, ſo as aforeſaid to be made, be reaſonable, and be not contrary nor repugnant to the Laws, Statutes, Cuſtoms or Rights of our Kingdom of *Great Britain*. AND WE WILL, That the Common Council of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid ſhall remain for ever, to have in all Cauſes, Matters and Things what-

Penalties on the breach of Laws to be levied by action or Diſtreſs, for the uſe of the Corporation

The Common Council to have the ſame Power as the Common Council formerly had.

whatſoever, ſo great and like Power, Authority and Truſt, AS THE COMMON COUNCIL OF OUR SAID CITY AT ANY TIME HERETOFORE HAD OR ENJOYED. WE WILL ALSO, And by theſe Preſents for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do grant, and to the ſaid Mayor, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of our City of *Briſtol*, and to their Succeſſors do CONFIRM, That as often as it ſhall happen that any Alderman or Aldermen of our ſaid City of *Briſtol* for the Time being, hereafter ſhall Dye, or from his or their Office of Alderman be removed, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Mayor of the ſaid City, for the Time being, to ſummon all the Aldermen of the ſaid City for the Time being, to aſſemble in any Place convenient within the ſaid City, and there the Mayor and Aldermen of the ſaid City for the Time being, or the major part of them, ſhall Elect and Nominate, and ſhall have Power to Elect and Nominate, One or More of the Common Council of our ſaid City of *Briſtol* for the Time being, to ſucceed in the Place or Places of ſuch Alderman or Aldermen ſo dead or removed as aforeſaid, WE WILL ALSO, *And by theſe preſents do for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, grant and* CONFIRM *to the ſaid Mayor, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of our City of* Briſtol *aforeſaid and their Succeſſors, That as often as it ſhall happen, that any Mayor, Recorder, Sheriff,* COMMON COUNCIL MAN, *Common Clerk Steward of the Sheriffs Court, Coroners or Coroner, of the City aforeſaid, for the Time being ſhall Dye, or from their or his Office or Offices be removed or depart, or that any election of the ſaid Officers or of any of them, ſhall hereafter become vacated or fruſtrate by Incapacity, Renunciation or otherwiſe howſoever, That then and in any ſuch Caſe, ſome other fit Perſon or Perſons from Time to Time in due manner ſhall be choſen into ſuch Office and Offices reſpectively,* BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF OUR SAID CITY OF BRISTOL, OR THE

Choice of an Alderman in caſe of a Vacancy.

Choice of Mayor, Recorder, Common Council Men, and other Officers in caſe of Vacancy.

By whom, when, & where, to be Sworn.

THE MAJOR PART OF THEM, And ſhall be Sworn by the Mayor of our ſaid City for the Time being, or by ſuch other Perſon or Perſons at ſuch Time, in ſuch manner and in ſuch Place and Places, as in our ſaid City hath been uſed and accuſtomed in like caſes, at any Time within the ſpace of Forty Years laſt paſt: PROVIDED always, and we will and by theſe preſents for us our Heirs and Succeſſors, WE firmly enjoyning, require and command, that every Recorder of the ſaid City hereafter to be choſen ſhall be at the Time of his Election to the Office aforeſaid, well Skilled in the Laws of *Great Britain*, and a Barriſter by the ſpace of Five Years at the leaſt before his election aforeſaid; And alſo that no one ſhall be choſen to the Office of Common Clerk of the City aforeſaid, Or to the Office of Steward of the Sheriffs Court of the ſaid City, unleſs he be well Skilled in the Laws of *Great Britain*, and had been a Barriſter of three Years ſtanding at the leaſt before ſuch his Election to the ſaid Offices reſpectively. WE WILL ALSO, And for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors do Grant and CONFIRM, to the ſaid Mayor, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of the City of *Briſtol*, and to their Succeſſors, That every Recorder, Alderman, Common Council Man, Common Clerk, every Steward of the Sheriffs Court, and Coroner of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, that ſhall at any Time hereafter be duly elected and ſworn into the reſpective Offices aforeſaid, ſhall continue in their reſpective Offices as long as they reſpectively ſhall demean themſelves well therein: AND WE FURTHER WILL, And by theſe preſents do for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors Grant and CONFIRM, to the ſame Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, and to their Succeſſors, That the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, of the ſaid City for the Time being, and every one of them, for ever hereafter ſhall be Juſtice and Juſt-

Recorder to be a Barriſter of Five Years ſtanding.

Town Clerk and Steward of Three.

Recorder, Aldermen, Common Council Men, Steward and Coroners, to continue in their Offices as long as they ſhall behave themſelves well.

Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen to be Juſtices of the Peace.

Juſtices for keeping of the Peace of us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, within the City and County aforeſaid, and Liberties and Precincts of the ſame. AND FURTHERMORE WE WILL, And by theſe preſents for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do grant and CONFIRM to the ſaid Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, That the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the ſaid City for the Time being, or any three or more of them, whereof the Mayor and Recorder of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, We will ſhall be Two, now, and for ever hereafter, from Time to Time, be, and ſhall be Juſtices of us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, To inquire by the Oaths of good and lawful Men of the County of of the City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, as well within Liberties as without, by whom the Truth of the Caſe may be beſt known, of all Treaſons, Murders, Raviſhments of Women, and other Felonies whatſoever, as alſo of all Treſpaſſes and Miſdemeanors, within the County Precincts and Liberties of the City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, by whomſoever or howſoever done, perpetrated or committed, And alſo all Indictments whatſoever before the ſame Juſtices of us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, or any other late Juſtices, or any of them, within the County of the City aforeſaid taken, to hear and determine, And our Goal of the County of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, of all Priſoners therein being, from Time to Time to deliver, WE HAVE ALSO Granted and CONFIRMED, And by theſe Preſents for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, We do, Grant and CONFIRM, To the ſaid Mayor, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of our City of *Briſtol*, aforeſaid, That the ſaid Mayor, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid and their Succeſſors, ſhall for ever hereafter, have all and all manner of Fines, Redemptions, Iſſues, Forfeitures amerciaments, before the aforeſaid Juſtices, or any of them,

And of Oyer and Terminer, and Goal delivery.

Grant and Confirmation of all Fines, and Amerciaments to the Corporation.

and from Time to Time for ever hereafter to be made, affeſſed, forfeited and adjudged: And that it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſaid Mayor, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid and their Succeſſors, from Time to Time, as often as need ſhall be, all and ſingular ſuch Iſſues, Forfeitures, Fines, Redemptions and Amerciaments, adjudged and to be adjudged, or aſſeſſed, by the Sheriff or other Miniſters of the ſaid City of *Briſtol*, that now are, or who ſhall be at any Time hereafter, to the uſe of the ſaid Mayor, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, to collect and levy, and to put themſelves into Seiſin and Poſſeſſion of the ſame, without any account or any thing therefore to be rendred, made or paid to us, our Heirs and Succeſſors. AND FURTHERMORE We will, and by theſe Preſents for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors grant, that the Mayor of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid for the Time being, as long as he ſhall be Mayor, the Recorder of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid for the Time being, as long as he ſhall be Recorder of that City, the Aldermen of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, for the Time being, as long as they ſhall be Aldermen of the the ſaid City, Eleven, Ten, Nine, Eight, Seven, Six, Five, Four or Three of them, whereof the Mayor or Recorder of our ſaid City, for the Time being, We will to be One, or Two of the Five Senior Aldermen of our City aforeſaid, for the Time being, We will to be Two, have full Power and Authority, to hold Four Seſſions of the Peace, in every Year within our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, at the uſual Times, and by the Statute in that caſe appointed, in the ſame manner as heretofore hath been uſed, and accuſtomed: And alſo, That they ſhall and may have full Power, all and all manner of things whatſoever, within that our ſaid City and the Suburbs and Pre-

Seſſions of the Peace to be held Four Times in the Year.

Precincts thereof, to do, exerciſe and execute, at all and every Time and Times, as often as need ſhall require, as any other Juſtices appointed for preſervation of the Peace, have, may, can or ought to have, exerciſe, execute or do, in any other Place within this our Kingdom of *Great Britain*. WE WILL MOREOVER, And by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do grant to the Mayor, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, that the aforeſaid *George Stephens*, ſo as aforeſaid elected to be One of the Aldermen of the ſaid City, and every Perſon who hereafter ſhall be elected to the Office of an Alderman of the ſaid City, ſhall take the ſeveral Oaths for the due execution of the Office of an Alderman, and the Truſt of a Juſtice of the Peace within the ſaid City, before the Recorder of our ſaid City of *Briſtol* for the Time being, or in his abſence, before the Mayor of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, for the Time being, To which ſaid Recorder and Mayor of our ſaid City for the Time being, reſpectively, We do by theſe Preſents, for us our Heirs and Succeſſors, give full Power and Authority to give and adminiſter the ſaid Oaths, from Time to Time. AND KNOW YE FURTHER, That we, out of our ſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, have pardoned, remiſed and releaſed, And by theſe Preſents, We do for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, pardon remiſe and releaſe, To the Mayor, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, and to their Succeſſors, as alſo, to all and ſingular Mayors, Recorders, Aldermen, Sheriffs, Stewards of the Sheriffs Court, and Coroners of of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, who now do exerciſe, or at any Time heretofore have exerciſed, the Offices aforeſaid, or any of them, all and all manner of Offences, Treſpaſſes, Crimes, Neglects, Contempts, and Omiſſions,

Aldermen by whom Sworn,

Pardon to Mayors and other Officers, who acted in their ſeveral Offices without the appobation of the Crown; contrary to the Charter of the 36th. of Charles the Second.

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whatſoever, by them done, Committed, or perpetrated at any Time or Times before the Date of theſe Preſents, in or concerning the taking the Oaths of their reſpective Offices, or any of them reſpectively, Or in or concerning their or any of their admiſſion or admiſſions to the execution of their Offices aforeſaid, or any of them, in our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, without our approbation or without the approbation of ſome of our Predeceſſors, Kings or Queens of *England*, firſt ſignified under the Royal Signet, contrary to the Proviſo, Tenor and true Intent, of certain Letters Patents, bearing Date at *Weſtminſter*, the Second Day of *June*, in the Thirty Sixth Year of the Reign of the late King CHARLES the Second, to the Mayor, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of *Briſtol*, or to their Predeceſſors heretofore, granted: AND OUT of our more abundant ſpecial Grace, and of our certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, We have remiſed and releaſed, and by theſe Preſents, We do, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, remiſe and releaſe, To the Mayor, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, and to their Succeſſors, All and all manner of Powers and Authorities, reſerved to the late King CHARLES the Second, his Heirs and Succeſſors, in and by the aforeſaid Letters Patents, bearing Date the Second Day of *June*, in the Thirty Sixth Year of the Reign of the aforeſaid late King CHARLES the Second, in or concerning the approbation of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriffs Common Council Men, Common Clerk, Steward of the Sheriffs Court, Coroners, or any other Officers of the ſaid Mayor, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of our City of, *Briſtol* aforeſaid, To be ſignified under his Royal Signet, or under the Royal Signet of his Heirs and Succeſſors: And alſo all manner of Power and Authority, to the aforeſaid late King CHARLES the Second, his Heirs and Suc-

Releaſe of all Powers reſerved to the Crown by that Charter touching ſuch Approbation.

Or touching the removal of ſuch Officers at the pleaſure of the Crown.

Succeſſors, alſo reſerved in the ſame Letters Patents, from Time to Time, and at all Times, to amove and remove any Mayor, Recorder, Alderman or Aldermen, Sheriff or Sheriffs, Common Council Man or Common Conncil Men, Common Clerk, Steward of the Sheriffs Court, or Coroner of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, in the ſaid Letters Patents nominated and appointed, or at any Time hereafter to be nominated and elected, at the Will and Pleaſure of the ſaid late King CHARLES the Second, his Heirs and Succeſſors, or by any Order of him, his Heirs or Succeſſors, to be made in Privy Council, and to be ſignified under the Seal of the Privy Council, to the Perſons reſpectively to be amoved, and to be declared amoved and removed: WE WILL MOREOVER, and by theſe Preſents, We do for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, grant to the Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, and to their Succeſſors, That the Common Council of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid for the Time being, or the major part of them, ſhall for ever hereafter have full Power and Authority, to change the Times and Places of all or any of the Markets, by them or any of their Predeceſſors before this Time, uſed, held or kept, within the ſaid City of *Briſtol*, Liberties or Precincts of the ſame. AND WE DO ALSO grant, and by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, ordain, That all the Markets aforeſaid, ſhall hereafter from Time to Time be held and kept, on ſuch Days, and in ſuch Place and Places, within our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, the Liberties and Precincts of the ſame, as the Common Council of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, for the Time being, ſhall conſtitute and appoint by any Ordinance, from Time to Time made, or to be made in writing: AND WE HAVE further granted, and by theſe Preſents do, for us, our

The Common Council to appoint the Times and Places for holding Markets in the City.

And to make Laws for the better Regulation of them.

our Heirs and Succeſſors, give and grant to the ſaid Mayor, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, That the Common Council of our City of *Briſtol* have, and ſhall have, Power and Authority of creating, making, conſtituting and ordaining, from Time to Time, ſuch reaſonable Laws, Conſtitutions and Ordinances in writing, (ſo that the ſame be not contrary or repugnant to the Laws of this our Kingdom) for the better Regulation and Government of ſuch Markets, or any of them, and of all Perſons reſorting to, and uſing Commerce in the ſame, as to the ſaid Common Council of our City of *Briſtol*, for the Time being, or the major part of them, in their Diſcretion ſhall ſeem good, honeſt, and wholeſome for the Profit, Benefit and Conveniency of the ſaid Markets, and of Perſons uſing the ſame, any thing in the before mentioned Letters Patents of the late King CHARLES the Second, or any other thing to the contrary notwithſtanding. AND FURTHER, out of more abundant ſpecial Grace, and of our certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, We will, and by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do grant, CONFIRM, ratify and approve, to the ſaid Mayor, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, ſuch, ſo many the ſame, and like Juriſdictions, Liberties, Powers, Franchiſes, Exemptions, Privileges, Emoluments and Hereditaments whatſoever, which by theſe Preſents are not altered, or changed, as the ſaid Mayor, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of our City of *Briſtol* aforeſaid, at any Time heretofore have uſed, had or enjoyed, by reaſon of any Preſcriptions, or of any Charters or Letters Patents, by any of our Anceſtors, Kings or Queens of *England*, heretofore made, granted or CONFIRMED, or by any other lawful Way or Means, before this Time, had, uſed or accuſtomed, notwithſtanding the ſame, or any, or any one of them, have, or hath been

A confirmation of all ancient Franchiſes, conſiſtent with the preſent Charter.

been ill used, not used or abused, or discontinued; Except always, with such Changes, Alterations, Emendations and Additions, as are above in these *Presents* made, expressed and contained. In Testimony whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. Witness our Self at *Westminster*, the Four and Twentieth Day of *July* in the Ninth of our Reign.

FINIS.